

SENATE No. 1735

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the establishment of the PFAS Research and Development Public Safety Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/3/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1735) of Michael O. Moore and James B. Eldridge for legislation to establish the PFAS Research and Development Public Safety Fund. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1559 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the establishment of the PFAS Research and Development Public Safety Fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2DDDDDD following new section:-

3 Section 2EEEEEE. There shall be established and set up on the books of the
4 Commonwealth a PFAS Public Safety Fund. For the purposes of this section, the term “PFAS”
5 shall include Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl substances. The secretary of public safety and
6 security shall administer the fund. The fund shall consist of amounts credited to the fund from:
7 (i) any appropriations, grants, settlements, gifts or other money authorized by the general court
8 or other parties and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; and (ii) any income derived
9 from the investment of amounts credited to the fund. Any unexpended balance in the fund at the

10 end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in
11 the subsequent fiscal year. Amounts credited to the fund may be expended, without further
12 appropriation, by the secretary on related programs, grants and costs. Such fund shall be used to
13 support the development, testing and purchasing of a PFAS-free Firefighter Turnout Gear
14 moisture barrier material and design that meet or exceed current NFPA standards without
15 compromising protection or performance and the development and testing of other new materials
16 and designs for turnout gear that reduce the inherent dangers firefighters face, including but not
17 limited to, enhanced protection against primary and secondary exposure to particulates and
18 byproducts of combustion and reduced maintenance that includes contamination resistance and
19 greater ease of cleaning for any new technical fabrics or designs. Such fund shall also be used for
20 programs, grants and costs for the disposal of turnout gear which contains PFAS.